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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicant's arguments, see paper, filed 12/16/02, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) under 35 USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of rejection below.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 21-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LeClair et al (US 4372777; 2/8/83) on record, Arnold (US 5612285; 3/18/97) on record, JP 633030903; 12/12/88 on record and Van Haften et al (US 5221319; 6/22/93) or Sato et al (US 6083875; 7/4/00). LeClair teaches a solid herbicide composition in suspension form comprising a herbicide, EO/PO compolymer, and alkyl phenoxy polyoxyethylene ethanol. See abstract, claims. LeClair does not teach the herbicide composition comprising a) glyphosate, diammonium phosphate, or ammonium sulfate. However, Arnold teaches a solid herbicide composition comprising glyphosate, EO/PO copolymer, and polyethylene glycol. See abstract, column 4 lines 14-51. JP '903 teaches a solid herbicide composition comprising ammonium sulfate, and US '319 or US '875 teaches a solid herbicide composition comprising diammonium phosphate. See US '875 abstract, claims 1,7 or US '319 abstract, claim 1. It would have been obvious to one having

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ordinary skill in the art to combine the prior art compositions to arrive at instant composition. One would have been motivated to do this since all prior art compositions are individually taught to function as herbicidal compositions. In the absence of unexpected results, an artisan would have included any alkyl phenoxy polyoxyethylene ethanol, including those of the instant claims, in the composition. An artisan would have been motivated to do this since all alkyl phenoxy polyethylene ethanol structurally similar. With respect to particle size and amounts of ingredients, an artisan would have been expected to optimize the composition. An artisan would have been motivated to do this in order to make the most effective herbicidal composition.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1,10 are allowable. The prior art does not teach or suggest the instant invention comprising hydroxyl methythio butanoic acid.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

## Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz can be reached on 571-272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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Primary Examiner

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